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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

Subject: Enabling Legislation.

You are hereby directed to prepare drafts of enabling legislation for the Central Intelligence Group. This legislation should be drafted to encompass the principles of the President's Executive Directive of 22 January 1946, and subsequent Directives of the National Intelligence Authority.

These drafts should be drawn to meet each of the following possible situations:

a. That the Senate Armed Services Committee or the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments specifically demand detailed CIG enabling legislation prior to reaching an affirmative decision on Section 202 of the National Security Act of 1947, (S. 758 and H.R. 2319).

b. That definite indications are received that there is no possibility that unification legislation (S. 758 and H.R. 2319) will be enacted into law at this session, and

c. That the National Security Act of 1947 is enacted into law.

Upon completion of these drafts, they will be presented to the Intelligence Advisory Board for comment, prior to submission to this Authority. Upon approval of the drafts by this Authority, they will be submitted to the President with the recommendation that they be forwarded to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget for formal comment and approval.

Secretary of State

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